Achievements of CII missions abroad

1492. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MISS MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) has sent 20 missions abroad to create awareness about the key business issues and to grow trade and information and bridge the institutional gaps etc.;

(b) if so, the countries where these missions have gone, with success achieved by them;

(c) whether a chamber delegation had accompanied him to Mexico, US and the other countries for the purpose; and

(d) if so,the countries visited and the mutual agreements, if any, signed in the export sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) is a private organisation not primarily responsible to the Government of India. Hence the Government is not aware about all its missions sent abroad.

(c) and (d) A business delegation also comprising of members of CII accompanied the Commerce & Industry Minister during his visit to USA in June 2003. The business delegation had interactions with business community in the US.

WTO ruling against India

1493. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the WTO has ruled against India in a complaint involving country of origin certificates for export of textiles/apparels to US; and

(b) if so, its likely impact on Indian textile/apparel exports to US in the coming months?